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Dr. Mel O'Keon P.O. Box 169 Hanford, CA 93232

RE: Past Due Water District Assessments

Dear Dr. O'Keon:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) and Water District no. 37 have referred the above matter to the Office of the Attorney General requesting that all necessary legal action be commenced to collect past due assessments.

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The watermaster certainly does not wish to shut off water diversions, nor is it the wish of the water district to force these small collection matters into litigation. However, the water district will proceed to initiate all steps necessary to assure that all water users pay their share of the district's expenses. The past due assessment in this letter represents the amount due and payable as of October 2007.

Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to provide you with a final opportunity to pay or make arrangements to pay your past due assessment in the amount of \$ 76.35 before this office commences legal action to collect the past due sums. Please remit payment to water district no. 37 no later than November 1, 2007.

Send payments to:

Water District no. 37 107 West 1st Shoshone, Idaho 83352 General questions regarding water districts may be directed to the IDWR's Southern Regional Office in Twin Falls (208) 525-7177.

If you have specific questions regarding how the assessment was formulated or believe the district to be in error, please contact Kevin Lakey (208) 886-2451

Sincerely.

John W. Homan

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